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SUBJ: QUOTES FROM MRS. GANDHI'S CALCUTTA ADDRESS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE BLOCK QUOTES FROM PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS
AT CALCUTTA MAIDAN MARCH 2 ON PORTIONS RELATING TO FOREIGN
ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDES, AZAD TAMIL NADU, AND MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS (TRANSLATION BY USIS AND CONGEN LOCALS).

2. AFTER RELATING OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES THAT BROUGHT ABOUT
THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY, MRS. GANDHI SAID:

BEGIN QUOTE:

AND THERE WAS FULL SUPPORT TO THIS MOVEMENT FROM OUTSIDE
OF INDIA. NOW THINK WHY OUTSIDERS WERE INTERESTED IN THESE
CAMPAIGNS WHEN THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTROL ON NEWSPAPERS, NO-
BODY WAS IN DETENTION IN JAIL, FULL DEMOCRACY WAS IN PLAY.

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NONE IN THESE COUNTRIES REALIZED THAT THERE IS DEMOCRACY IN
INDIA, WHILE IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY AND OTHER NATIONS IN

ASIA AND AFRICA THERE WERE MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS OR SOMETHING ELSE, WE SHOULD GO TO THE HELP OF INDIA. NOBODY FELT LIKE THAT AND WENT ON CRITICIZING US. THESE WERE THE PEOPLE WHO RIDICULED GANDHIJI AND OPPOSED JAWAHARLAL WHEN THEY WERE ALIVE AND PRAISED THEM AFTER THEIR DEATH. WE HAVE FOUND THAT IN THE WESTERN AND EASTERN COUNTRIES. WHENEVER INDIA TOOK A STEP TO STRENGTHEN HERSELF THERE WAS OPPOSITION. THE SAME PEOPLE WHO SAID THAT OUR SYSTEM WAS WEAK AND CAN'T STAND PRESSURE NOW SAY WE HAVE STRAYED FROM THE DEMOCRATIC COURSE. THEY HAD CRITICIZED INDIA AND ASKED WHY WE SHOULD MAKE STEEL, WE SHOULD RATHER CONCENTRATE ON AGRICULTURE. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST THEY PLEAD FOR BIG PROJECTS WITH COLLABORATION OF MULTINATIONALS OR BIG COMPANIES SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE SOME PROFIT.

THE EMERGENCY HAS PROVIDED FOREIGN CRITICS WITH ANOTHER EXCUSE. THESE PEOPLE HAD NEVER SUPPORTED INDIA NOR UNDERSTAND INDIA'S PROBLEMS. WE HAD NEVER BEEN WEAK. BUT, WE FELT THAT EVERY ONE SHOULD HAVE T IN A DEMOCRACY. BUT I DO NOT FORGET WHAT A LEARNED U.S. JUDGE SAID. HE SAID THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH. BUT THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO SHOUT FIRE IN A HALL WHEN THERE IS NO FIRE, BECAUSE THAT MAY CREATE CONFUSION AND MAY LEAD TO DEATHS WHILE PEOPLE TRY TO RUSH OUT. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE INDISCIPLINED AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THIS COUNTRY.

WE HAVE TOLERATED THE OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN OF CHARACTER ASSASSINATION AND MUDSLINGING FOR LONG. EVEN ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES WAS MURDERED. BUT WHEN WE FOUND THAT THEY WERE LAUNCHING MOVEMENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, SHAKING THE SELF-CONFIDENCE OF THE NATION, CREATING FRUSTRATION EVERYWHERE, WE REALIZED THE DANGER. THIS ATMOSPHERE OF FRUSTRATION DOES NOT ALLOW A COUNTRY TO MOVE FORWARD TO SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS AND FACE AGGRESSION. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAD TO TAKE STRONG MEASURES. THIS HAS BEEN WELCOMED ALL OVER INDIA.

I WANT TO TELL OUTSIDERS CLEARLY AS THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE MORE THEY TRY TO INTERFERE IN OUR AFFAIRS, THE MORE THERE WOULD BE GREATER STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION IN THIS COUNTRY.

I WANT THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER FOREIGN AGENCIES TO KNOW THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THEIR ACCOMPLICES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THIS COUNTRY. NONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS IS INDEPENDENT. I WANT TO KNOW THEIR SOURCE OF FUNDS. I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THEM. THERE IS MORE THAN ONE SUCH ORGANIZATION. ONE PERSON HAS BEEN HELD WHO WAS ENGAGED IN A CAMPAIGN FOR AZAD SIKHISTAN IN ENGLAND. WHEN WE DISMISSED THE CORRUPT GOVERNMENT IN TAMIL NADU ANOTHER PERSON WAS SET UP WHO HAS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN FOR AZAD TAMIL NADU. THE CAMPAIGN WAS STARTED IN ENGLAND SINCE HE KNEW NOBODY WOULD SUPPORT HIM IN THIS COUNTRY.
END QUOTE

3. COMMENT: LAST SENTENCE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF MATERIAL
QUOTED ABOVE IS THE SUM TOTAL OF WHAT MRS. GANDHI SAID ABOUT
MULTINATIONALS; AT MY INSTRUCTION CONGEN AND USIS LOCALS
WENT OVER THE TEXT OF THE ENTIRE ADDRESS CAREFULLY TO VERIFY
THIS. AS REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL, BUSINESS STANDARD MADE
CONSIDERABLY MORE OF THIS (AND MADE REPORT OF PRIME MINISTER'S
CONDEMNATION OF MULTINATIONALS ITS FRONT PAGE HEADLINE),
PRESUMABLY OUT OF SHEER IMAGINATION.
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